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SUBJECT: SUGGESTIONS ON JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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1. FOLLOWING ARE OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR RECONCILING
REVISIONS IN JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE PROPOSED BY
VENEZUELAWS WITH OUR INTERESTS IN A SINGLE TEXT
THAT SEEKS TO AVOID EXPLICIT DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE VENEZUELAWS. A
CABLE THAT FOLLOWS WILL PROPOSE QTE YOUR-SIDE
OUR-SIDE LANGUAGE UNQTE FOR THOSE AREAS WHERE
THIS APPROACH MAY BE NECESSARY. WE HAVE NUMBERED
THE PARAGRAPHS IN THE SAME MANNER AS IN THE
INCOMING TELEGRAM SO THAT PARAGRAPH TWO IS REALLY
PARAGRAPH ONE OF THE JOINT PRESS STATEMENT, AND SO ON.

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2. ACCEPTABLE AS PROPOSED BY VENEZUELAWS.

3. ACCEPTABLE AS PROPOSED.

4. THE PARAGRAPH IS ACCEPTABLE BUT WE WISH TO REINSTATE
SHORTENED UN LANGUAGE AS A LAST SENTENCE: QTE THEY

EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS TO MAKE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORTS MORE EVENHANDED AND SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF A UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. UNQTE

5. WE FIND THE FIRST TWO SENTENCES ACCEPTABLE THE LAST SENTENCE OF COURSE IS NOT. WE SUGGEST SUBSTITUTING THE FOLLOWING FOR IT: QTE THE VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT ANY RESERVATIONS INCLUDED IN THE RATIFICATION INSTRUMENTS WOULD BE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE LOFTY PURPOSES OF THE TREATIES. UNQTE

6. PROPOSE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: QTE DURING THE CONVERSATIONS, THE HEADS OF STATE EXAMINED THE PRESENT STATE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY, THE CONSEQUENCES AND THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION ON COMMERCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND LATIN AMERICA, THE QUESTION OF THE PRICES OF ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS, AND THE RECENT DISTURBANCES IN THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS. BOTH PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE FUNDAMENTAL STRENGTH OF THE DOLLAR. PRESIDENT CARTER REAFFIRMED HIS COMMITMENT TO A STRONG U.S. ENERGY POLICY AND TO REDUCING THE RATE OF INFLATION IN THE UNITED STATES. UNQTE
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NOTE: IN THIS FORMULATION WE WOULD ELIMINATE THE TROUBLESOME SECOND SENTENCE IN THE VENEZUELAN PROPOSAL AS WELL AS PROVIDE COMPROMISE OR NEW LANGUAGE ON OTHER ASPECTS.

7. WE DO NOT AGREE THAT MNC CODE IS QTE URGENT UNQTE AND OUR POSITION HAS REMAINED THAT OF WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER ONLY A NON-BINDING CODE. SUGGEST REDRAFTING FIRST SENTENCE AS FOLLOWS: QTE BOTH PRESIDENTS AGREED ON THE DESIRABILITY OF ADOPTION IN THE UNITED NATIONS OF A CODE OF CONDUCT CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS UNQTE. SUGGEST ADDING FINAL CLAUSE TO LAST SENTENCE OF THE PARAGRAPH QTE AND CALLED ON ALL STATES TO SUPPORT THE UN-ECOSOC SPONSORED CONVENTION ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS. UNQTE

8. ACCEPT AS PROPOSED.

9. QTE THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA EXPRESSED THE GREAT PREOCCUPATION OF HIS COUNTRY WITH THE SLOWNESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENTS REACHED AT

THE CONFERENCE OF PARIS, AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE
DELAY IN ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMON FUND AS A KEY
INSTRUMENT IN ATTAINING THE AGREED OBJECTIVES OF

THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR COMMODITIES. PRESIDENT
CARTER CALLED ATTENTION TO THE CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS
TABLED BY THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED
COUNTRIES AT GENEVA FOR A COMMON FUND DESIGNED TO
STRENGTHEN THE FINANCIAL CAPACITY OF INTERNATIONAL
BUFFER STOCKS AND REITERATED THE READINESS OF THE
UNITED STATES TO NEGOTIATE SUCH A FUND. UNQTE
NOTE: WE JUDGE QTE YOUR SIDE, OUR SIDE UNQTE FORMULA-
TION IS BEST WAY TO HANDLE THIS.

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10. QTE THE PRESIDENTS EXAMINED THE WORLD'S POLITICAL
SITUATION AND WITHIN THIS CONTEXT THE ECONOMIC
AND POLITICAL SITUATION IN AFRICA. BOTH PRESIDENTS
CONDEMNED THE PRESENCE OF EXTRA-CONTINENTAL FORCES
IN ETHIOPIA AND ANGOLA (SECOND CHOICE QTE IN THE
HORN OF AFRICA UNQTE INSTEAD OF ETHIOPIA AND ANGOLA).
THEY REITERATED THEIR CONDEMNATION OF APARTHEID AS AN
UNACCEPTABLE NEGATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND AS A
TOTALITARIAN PRACTICE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE DIGNITY OF
MAN. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR TOTAL SUPPORT FOR THE
INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE ON THE BASIS OF THE ANGLO-
AMERICAN PROPOSAL OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1977 AND THEIR
SUPPORT OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 385, AND TO THAT END CALLED UPON ALL OF
THE PARTIES INVOLVED TO SUBSCRIBE FULLY TO THE
PROPOSAL OF THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM,
FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND CANADA
FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE
NAMIBIAN QUESTION. UNQTE NOTE: WE SUGGEST REMOVAL
OF LAST SENTENCE IN PARAGRAPH, WHICH CAUSES
CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS.

11. ACCEPTABLE EXCEPT FOR CHANGING QTE AGREEMENT UNQTE
TO QTE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT UNQTE AND QTE PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE UNQTE TO QTE PALESTINIANS UNQTE.

12. THEY NOTED THEIR MEETING COINCIDED WITH THE
OPENING OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA, WHICH HELD ITS FIRST
SUBSTANTIVE MEETING IN CARACAS FOUR YEARS AGO.
THEY AGREED THAT IT IS INDISPENSABLE THAT THE CONFERENCE
REACH DEFINITIVE AGREEMENTS ON ALL REMAINING ISSUES
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WHICH ARE APPROPRIATE (NOT CONVENIENT AS IN THE VENEZUELAN TEXT--WE ASSUME IT IS A TRANSLATION OF THE SPANISH QTE CONVENIENTE UNQTE WHICH MEANS APPROPRIATE) AND JUST FOR ALL COUNTRIES AND IN PARTICULAR AS CONCERNS THE EXPLOITATION OF THE DEEP SEABEDS.

13. QTE WHILE ANALYZING REGIONAL MATTERS, THE TWO PRESIDENTS DEDICATED AN IMPORTANT PORTION OF THEIR TIME TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE IDEAS ALREADY AGREED TO IN WASHINGTON DURING 1977 CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CARIBBEAN. THEY EXAMINED THE ROLE PLAYED IN THE PRELIMINARY STUDIES BY THE WORLD BANK AS WELL AS BY OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. EVEN AS THEY MANIFESTED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS ALREADY UNDER WAY, THEY AGREED THAT IT IS URGENT TO DEDICATE ATTENTION TO BRINGING THIS IDEA TO FRUITION IN THE SENSE OF STRENGTHENING THE BONDS AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THAT AREA. MOREOVER, ADDITIONAL COOPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE WILL HELP THE STATES OF THE CARIBBEAN IN THEIR EFFORT TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT.

14. LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND COOPERATION WERE DISCUSSED. THE PRESIDENTS AGREED THAT SUCH COOPERATION WILL MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT IN THE HEMISPHERE. THE PRESIDENTS NOTED THE PROGRESS OF THE ANDEAN PACT INCLUDING PROGRAM AGREEMENTS SIGNED IN 1977, THE FUNCTIONING OF LAFTA, THE BRIGHTER PROSPECTS FOR RENEWED MOVEMENT IN THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET AND IN CARICOM, AND THE PROGRESS OF SELA, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACTION COMMITTEES. THE PRESIDENTS AGREED THAT MORE ACTION IS NEEDED BOTH AMONG THE COUNTRIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN SUCH COOPERATION AND FROM OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRIES WHICH CAN PROVIDE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL

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ASSISTANCE. UNQTE

15. SUGGEST ADDING A FINAL SENTENCE: QTE THEY NOTED WITH PARTICULAR SATISFACTION PROGRESS IN THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION. UNQTE

16. SUGGEST ADDING A FINAL SENTENCE: QTE THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THEIR HOPE THAT THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT WHICH OPENS IN MAY 1978 WILL PROVIDE A STIMULUS TO FURTHER CONCRETE DISARMAMENT EFFORTS. UNQTE

17. DELETE QTE INSOFAR AS BILATERAL MATTERS ARE CONCERNED UNQTE AND QTE AND THE STABLE PARTICIPATION OF VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM EXPORTS IN THE UNITED STATES MARKET UNQTE. AFTER ENERGY ADD QTE AMONG PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS UNQTE.

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